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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
Yu-Hua Ji et al. )  
Application No.: 09/456,429 ) Group Art Unit: 1627  
Filed: December 8, 1999 ) Examiner: M. Garcia, Ph.D.  
For: NOVEL CALCIUM CHANNEL )  
DRUGS AND USES )

**REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Reply and Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 9, 2001 for the above-noted application. A Petition requesting a two-month extension of time accompanies this response which is being filed on or before its now current due date of October 9, 2001. In response to this Office Action, entry of the following amendments is requested.

**In the Specification:**

Amend page 1, lines 3-7, to read as follows: